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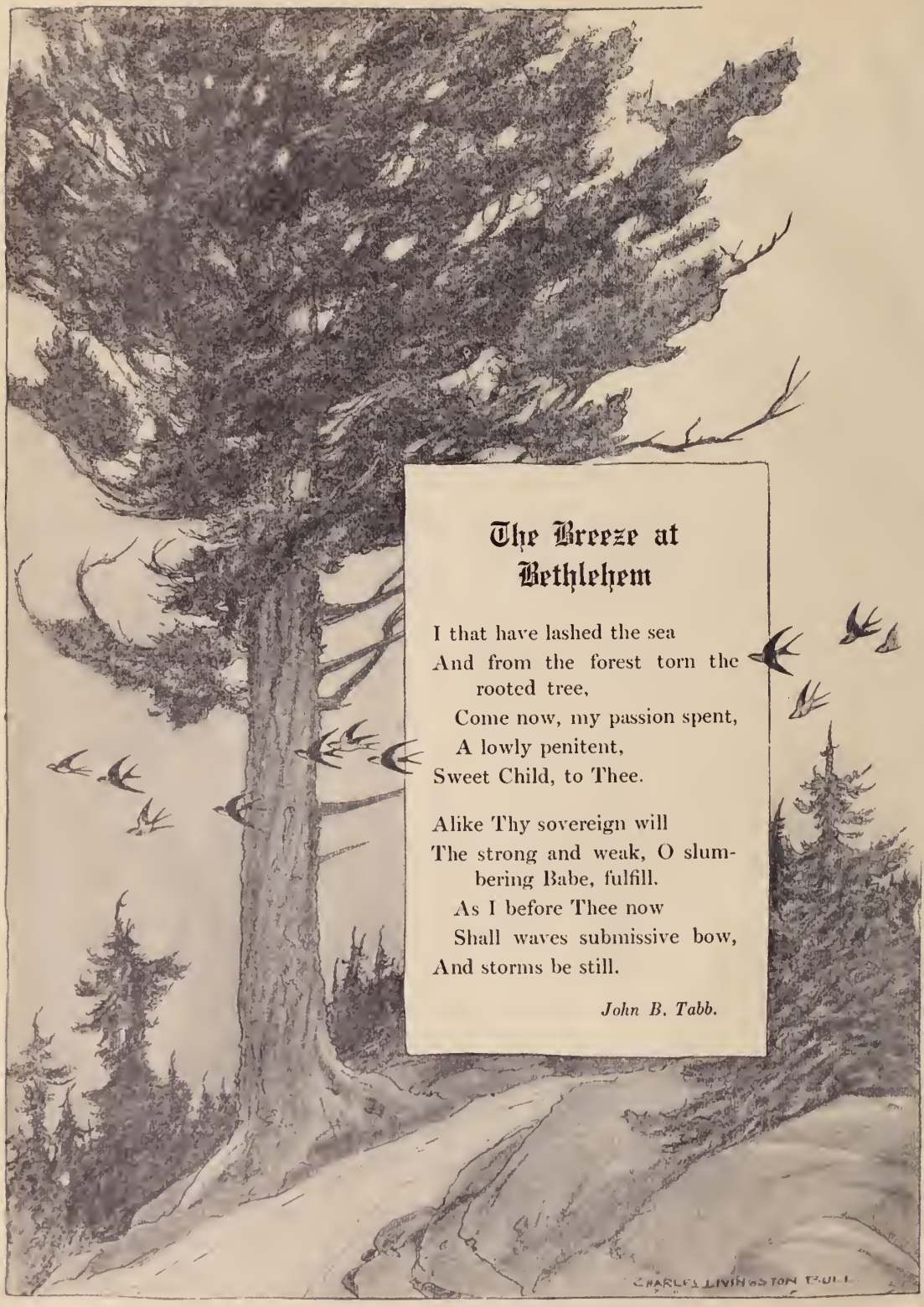

The Breeze at Bethlehem

I that have lashed the sea
And from the forest torn the rooted tree,
Come now, my passion spent,
A lowly penitent,
Sweet Child, to Thee.

Alike Thy sovereign will
The strong and weak, O slumbering Babe, fulfill.
As I before Thee now
Shall waves submissive bow,
And storms be still.

John B. Tabb.

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OF our representatives in Mexico the following locations may be stated, May fourth: In this country, Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Vanderbilt, Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Petran, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown, Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Molloy, Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Gregory, Misses Turner, Spencer and Bonine. Rev. H. A. Phillips is at Jalapa, Miss Wheeler and Rev. Newell J. Elliott are at Saltillo but have not yet been heard from, no doubt owing to the interruption of communication by mail and wire. Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace have cabled from San Angel, near Mexico City, asking for permission to open the school in that place as a hospital.

BY the time our readers receive this number WOMAN'S WORK will have distinctly gone up in the world! It was a year ago last January that the Board's rapidly growing family crowded the magazine out of its old quarters on the eighth floor of the Presbyterian Building. Rooms were assigned us on the fifth floor with the understanding that we should have the first suitable vacated quarters nearer the central power-house. We join the May movers therefore, going into Rooms 904–905, on the ninth floor, where we are surrounded by mission workers and near enough to the machinery to hear it throb!

REVISED lists of officers of the various Women's Boards will appear on the inside page of the back cover of our July number. By the decision of the Committee changes are made in the plate from which this page is printed in January and in July. Secretaries are urged to send in promptly the results of elections at annual meetings in order that their lists may be accurate and up-to-date.

RECORDS for the year 1913 show that of the churches in the United States and Canada engaged in foreign mission work, the Presbyterian Church leads, both in number of missionaries supported and in the amount of her gifts. She has 1,155 missionaries and her contribution was $1,837,697.99. In *per capita* offerings, however, the Southern and the United Presbyterians and the Moravians head the procession.

CAREFUL observers tell us that in their desire to obtain the benefits of residence in the United States the Japanese in the West have greatly improved the moral condition of their communities. Groups of men of recognized ability and standing have been sent from Japan to our Western coast to investigate conditions there; these men and the authorities behind them, show a strong desire to maintain friendly relations with this country. The Japanese differ from the Chinese who have settled in California in being an agricultural people. The anti-alien land law prohibits them from purchasing land, from selling any that they already own to their own people and from leasing land for a term of more than three years. There is a possibility that the next Legislature will rescind the leasing privilege. This inhospitable attitude on the part of California has greatly hindered Christian effort for the Japanese both in our own country and in theirs. But the people of that state can truthfully say, as the Southern people do of the large element of negro population in their states, that those who do not actually live under the conditions can only theorize about them.

OUR workers in San Francisco tell us that figures give small idea of the amount

of effort expended in the rescue work. In each of the twenty cases reported there have been court proceedings, one case alone having required the attendance of Miss Cameron and some of her assistants not less than thirty times.

A CHINESE Christian in Oakland, Cal., though having a large family to support, showed his devotion by giving a set of handsome pulpit chairs and a carpet for the platform of the chapel. The Koreans in California have themselves contributed $630 for building a chapel at Dinuba. While evangelistic meetings were held at this place last August, one of the members gave up for the whole time his work as a fruit-picker, for which he received five dollars a day, to provide for the transportation of the workers to and from the meetings. The Chinese members of the Santa Barbara Mission number only thirty, but their gifts last year amounted to $915. The sixty members at the Los Angeles Mission gave $1,500.

IT has been well said that "unless we raise Asia to our level she will eventually pull us down to hers." The fear of an unlimited immigration, bringing hordes of Asiatics to establish through whole sections their low standards of civilization and to work the economic ruin of white laborers, should not blind us to the fact that a rigid exclusion would result only in inter-racial hostility and suspicion. Such measures as a reasonable standard of requirements in education and character for admission to the United States, and consistent national plans for education in civilization and citizenship, leading up to naturalization, would seem to simplify the problem. To the Church of God in America belongs the task of Christianizing the new citizens.

IT will be strange, indeed, to see the printed list of the Persia missionaries without the name of Miss Mary K. Van Duzee. For thirty-eight years Miss Van Duzee has given loyal service in that mission, holding on to her work long after her strength had failed, often teaching, receiving classes and callers to whom she gave instruction and help, when she was unable to sit up. Now she has laid down the burden of routine work to remain with her family in this country, but her devotion and fidelity will not be forgotten by her associates, her Persian friends and the Board to which she belonged.

IN a letter written since the death of Dr. Edna Orcutt, one of her fellow-missionaries says that the last word spoken by that devoted young worker was a request that the Board be urged to send another woman physician to take her place.

OUR Japan correspondents tell us that a comparison between the accounts of the Kagoshima disaster, as printed on the ground in the Japanese papers, and as appearing in the American journals, would show an exaggeration on the part of the latter of at least one thousand per cent.!

MISS RIKER tells of special meetings in Yamada which resulted in five baptisms and forty-five in an instruction class. The young men of the church did some street preaching; those who are High School students were reprimanded and one boy forced to apologize to the school for Christian activity while wearing his school-cap. His reward was a boycott from the students and later four of the Christian boys were knocked down and one of them got a blow on the head that broke the tympanum of the ear, deafening that side. He was in a hospital, but entered school later with his crown of bandages still on his head. None struck back, all still cheerfully attend school and best of all, another High School boy was baptized.

ONE of our missionaries was recently asked to write an article for a Persian newspaper on the reason and the remedy for the lack of progress in Persia, the only foreigner invited to contribute outside of the Ministers of the various legations.

Ex Oriente

I am the East, the immemorial East,
My steadfast spirit hath not changed or ceased;
As I have stood through countless ages past,
So shall I stand while sea and mountains last.

Earth's scourges all have wrecked their will on me.
War, famine, pestilence, the cruel three,
Have poured on me what woes they have to give;
Harried and vexed, yet changeless, still I live.

I look afar, and view my foe, the West,
Proud, eager, clamorous, scorning peace and rest.
She thinks me feeble, holds me in despite;
I heed her not; I know my hidden might.

Heathen she calls me, and idolater,
And yet the creed she vaunts I gave to her;
And knows she truly what the precepts mean
That Jesus taught, the lowly Nazarene?

In bygone centuries my patient eyes
Unmoved have watched her grandest empires rise
And fall, her brightest glories wax and wane;
What I have seen, that may I see again.

Her marching legions trample on my shore,
And in my ears her murderous cannons roar;
They come, they pass, and when their din has ceased
Still I remain the immemorial East.

Careless she hurls her challenge forth to me,
Sure of her self-appointed mastery;
But who can read the unwritten page of fate?
Lo! silent and inscrutable, I wait.

R. H. Titherington, in Harper's Magazine.

Presbyterian Seed Sowing Among Orientals

THERE are ten missions for the Japanese in California under our Board. In San Francisco ten adults were baptized during the year past and three were added to the church by letter. Three members of this church are students at the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

The little church at Los Angeles presented their pastor and his wife with an amount sufficient to enable them to make a visit to Japan. . . . The services are well attended and five adults were added to the church. The Salinas Church was organized in 1913 and now has a membership of forty-six. The mission there has a fine property of two and a half acres with a mission home, a small chapel and a kindergarten building. The kindergarten is supported by the Japanese Association, composed of both Christians and non-Christians.

Watsonville also owns a pretty church building, a mission home and a kindergarten building. Their pastor is a graduate of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, holds many services in the camps of the surrounding country, and has received ten into the church during the year.

At Hanford, Visalia and Wintersburg work is carried on, though the number of Japanese at those points has decreased somewhat during the year. The Japanese are themselves working for the suppression of gambling among their countrymen.

Stockton is near Sacramento and nearly all the members of the mission being farmers, it has shown the effect of the new land law more than any of the others. At Monterey nine have received baptism and the members have contributed several hundred dollars to build a cottage for their pastor. In and near Sacramento is a large and important field. Between that city and Stockton, around the little town of Lodi, there is a large Japanese community. At the grape-picking season thousands of these collect there and the small force of workers at Sacramento earnestly desire to reach them. In the city another mission building has been rented, one hundred and fifty Testaments sold, two volunteer teachers secured and a few souls added to the church.—*Extracts from Report of E. A. Sturge, M.D.*

FOR the Chinese in California work is carried on by the Assembly's Board at Chico, Marysville, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda. Night schools and religious services are alike popular, and the evangelistic services conducted in Chinatown, San Francisco, by the united missions of several denominations produced such excellent results that it has been resolved to make them a regular feature of the work. The different churches also plan to unite in the support of a Chinese evangelist who will itinerate through the state to carry the Gospel to his countrymen.

The Koreans are cared for at Los Angeles, Riverside, Upland, Claremont, Dinuba and Lompoc. At a general reception given for these people at the Presbyterian Church of Dinuba a hundred and fifty were present, which the Koreans themselves said was the largest gathering of their nationality ever held in the United States. When the chapel at Riverside burned down the courageous people at once brought in their offerings of money and work and with the help of some gifts from Americans, soon had a better building than the first one.

FARTHER NORTH ON THE COAST

IN Portland, Oregon, work for Chinese has passed through several phases. Naturally, at first, it was limited to efforts to reach the non-Christian Chinese. The night school was the quickest way to get an opportunity to teach the Gospel. Therefore, we had a night school. Into this school, held every night in the week except Saturday, come only Chinese men. They are glad, after a day's work, to have a bright, comfortable room where they can meet

and study English. The students are set off in classes, not exceeding four persons each. Two hours are devoted to learning English. The classes range from the A-B-C pupils on upward through all grades and often there are four grades studying in the same class. This is because classes are formed not with reference to grade but to personal friendship.

Every session of the school opens and closes with worship; reading the Bible, singing and prayer, while every night after the school closes there is special instruction in the Bible for any who are willing to remain. Of course, one night is given to a prayer-meeting and Sunday to regular preaching services and Bible study.

For many years the work was carried on without formal organization. So many of the Christians either returned to China or moved to other parts of the country that a regular organized church was out of the question. But latterly a number of the young men have married and established permanent homes. As a result last summer the Christian Chinese petitioned the Presbytery of Portland to organize a Chinese Church. The request was granted and the church was organized and, at the solicitation of the members, it was named the Holt Presbyterian Chinese Church. Let me quote a recent reference to the activities of the church from one of the daily papers:

"The hall it occupies is the centre of Chinese activity. Every afternoon little American-born Chinese children go for lessons in the native tongue of their fathers. They study reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, singing and Bible lessons. Their books are illustrated and attractively arranged. They learn to write with the regulation Chinese brush. The church has a reading-table where are found one paper published in China and two in San Francisco. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons Chinese women gather to study the Bible. Hygiene is also taught in the school or, as one of the pupils termed it, 'What you call take care yourself.'"

Since we left Portland Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Montgomery have given much attention to the church and mission work among the Chinese. There is a Chinese preacher, not yet ordained, who, with his wife, is doing excellent work. There are three Chinese elders in the church and they are known among their own countrymen as well as by many Americans for their exemplary character. The rotary plan for the eldership and the individual communion cup have been adopted. Indeed the Chinese Mission was the first Presbyterian organization in Portland to adopt the individual cup. Several of the women of the church had their early training in the home in Portland and they have come to be very useful women. Mrs. Ng, the wife of the preacher, speaks very little English yet, but having been trained at Miss Noyes's school in Canton, she is very competent. In the family group the mother had all her training since childhood in our mission. The man she married is a member of the Episcopal Church and now in the Government service in Chicago.

MRS. NG MON PO

One great value of all the mission work among the Chinese in this country is its relation to the missions in China. There is probably no mission in the United States, connected with any church, which has not sent back both men and money to help evangelize China. This value cannot be over-estimated.

PHILADELPHIA. (*Mrs. W. S.*) *Frances A. Holt.*

[In the Autumn of 1913, Dr. W. S. Holt became Associate Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation. His headquarters being now in Philadelphia he and his wife had to leave their work in Portland, Oregon. Allusion to their departure was made at the time in the Notes from the North Pacific Board.—EDITOR.]

"Oriental Women Students in America"

[THE first number of the *Bulletin*, to be issued semi-annually, at fifteen cents a copy, by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions in the United States, appeared in March. It contains much interesting and valuable material for workers of all denominations, a list of summer schools, with map showing their location; a picture of Queen Wilhelmina, with her letter to the Continuation Committee; pictures of and letters from Mrs. Peabody and Mrs. Montgomery; the Constitution of the Federation, etc., etc. Under the caption given above is an article by Margaret E. Burton, author of *Education of Women in China*, which is so immediately pertinent to our subject for this month that we are giving our readers several of its paragraphs. We hope this sample of the contents of the *Bulletin* will stimulate their desire to see the whole issue.—EDITOR.]

"IT would be difficult to overemphasize the opportunities and responsibilities of leadership which await the American-educated Oriental woman on her return to her country. Oriental women who have received any education whatever are still rare; college graduates are almost unknown; and the women who have had opportunities for travel, and for study in the midst of the civilization and culture of a country other than their own exert an influence the breadth and depth of which is almost impossible of exaggeration. The Oriental women students in our country are few in number. According to the latest records there are sixty-five Chinese, thirty-one Japanese, five Indian and only a handful from the Near East. But what these women are, and what they do upon their return to the Orient, will exert an influence upon the cause of woman's education and Christianity out of all proportion to their numbers. It is of supreme importance, therefore, that during their stay among us they receive the very best which our colleges and our country have to offer. I presume that there are no more powerful influences for the Kingdom of God in the East to-day than the lives of men and women who while in America were surrounded with Christian influences and who returned, not less, but more earnest Christians because of their life and study among us. . . . But it is not always so—and perhaps no one force is doing more to check the progress of the Kingdom of God than those men and women who, having received their education in a Christian country, go back to the Orient to throw the weight of their influence against Christianity.

"The Oriental women in our colleges greatly need the friendship of Christian people who will give them counsel and guidance in the place of the parents and missionary friends from whom they are separated. . . . Especially do they need the hospitality of Christian homes. One of the first Oriental students who ever entered an American college said that the greatest blessing America had given him was the opportunity to know Christian family life. It would be ideal if all Oriental students could live in Christian homes while here, but, where this is not possible, it means much to them to be welcomed into homes for vacation periods, week-ends, or even single meals. . . .

"The Foreign Department of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City, will be very glad to furnish lists of the Oriental women students in any section of the country with their home and college addresses, and will also be glad, as far as possible, to give any additional information about the students which may be desired."

To these suggestions we may add an extract from the report to the Assembly's Board of the Rev. Huie Kin, in charge of the Chinese Church in New York City:

"There is so much more work than we can possibly do and the opportunities are *now*. It is a great, vital community service to prevent the establishment of heathen customs here, and we must help to advance the Kingdom of Christ in China by sending back converted men to be the leaven of Christianity in innumerable villages in China, as well as leaders (as they have become) of the New China. It is of paramount importance that the men and students here should become Christians before their return. For five years Dr. Chen Fun

Chang studied at Columbia University in this city. He was determined to establish a Confucian temple here, but God answered our prayers and efforts and it was not accomplished. He returned to China and has given his every breath and effort, going from the south to the north of his country, arousing it to have Confucianism established as the state religion. This has evoked a bitter hatred towards our leaders there and put a stop to much Christian influence and enterprise. Dr. Lobenstine pertinently asks: 'What were the Christians of New York City doing during those five years?'"

And another word from Dr. Katsuji Kato, of the University of Chicago, writing on *Christianizing Japanese Students*, in the *Missionary Review of the World* for April: "A careful estimate shows that among the students of the University of Tokyo, seven hundred are Buddhists, Shintoists and Confucianists; seventy are Christian; nine hundred atheists and infidels, and three thousand indifferent or agnostic. . . . Is it not plain that there is a dire need of bringing Christianity to bear upon Japanese students? They are staggering on the border line between faith and unbelief, between moral victory and defeat. They are groping in the dark and longing for light. . . . It would be hard to overestimate the importance of making truly Christian the impression made upon Japanese students in the colleges of this country and Canada. They are bound to have a large influence upon the future of Japan. It is tragic to find so many gifted Japanese in America who are without opportunity to come in touch with the vital side of the Christian religion. Many of them have never been invited to the homes of American Christians. Too often they see the un-Christian side of your life. As a result they go back with distorted and unfavorable opinions of American Christianity and do much to block its progress in Japan. Give these sojourners among you personal friendship, hospitality and patient instruction. It will pay."

Typical Experiences in Time of Trial

[EVER since apostolic times the Church of God has had in its ranks those who "through faith . . . stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong . . . were tortured, not accepting deliverance . . . had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment." Among Scotland's proudest annals are those of the steadfast heroism under persecution of the Covenanters. On our mission fields a recent generation of Christians shows again a fidelity which does not flinch even in the face of martyrdom. The names and spirit of these staunch holders of the faith should not be forgotten by the Church. To this end we are glad to print some incidents of the dark days of persecution in Korea written for us by one who himself went through them.—EDITOR.]

I

THREE MORE MISSIONARIES

NA, KIM AND YE, FIRST THREE BOYS ARRESTED AS CONSPIRATORS

THESE are the three who were arrested October twelfth, 1911. That was the beginning of arrests which were continued at intervals of seventeen to twenty days for months, until the whole church was racked throughout the north of Korea.

These boys were taken in handcuffs on the train to prison in Seoul. For that night we had planned a meeting to say farewell to the Korean who was being sent by Presbytery as our missionary into a northern country. The boys had worked hard and sacrificed much to get the money for the support of this missionary. Some of them had sacrificed in food, eating millet instead of rice;

others by wearing cheaper clothing; all of them in some way. When we came together that evening my heart was heavy, for I thought of my three boys in prison. I called on one of the older boys to lead in prayer after we sang a hymn, "We thank Thee! We thank Thee." He prayed, "We thank Thee, O God, for giving us more than we ever thought of. We planned for one missionary to represent us while we are studying in school and could not get the money for more. Thou didst see our hearts and hast chosen three of our own members and sent them. God bless these three, His picked missionaries. Thou knowest that no one is allowed to go to the prisons and preach. In Thy mercy and love Thou hast given us a part in preaching to these in prison. Make Na, Kim and Ye powerful messengers of God in prison." "Nothing can come to us," said one, "unless God permit. We must see His purpose and do His will."

II

The Chapel

Dr. Nyholm, the Home Secretary of Foreign Missions of the Lutheran Church in Denmark, came to Syen Chun one day. He was taken through the buildings of the Hugh O'Neill Jr. Academy. When he went into the chapel he said: "And this is your chapel? This is the room where you are charged with having been conspiring to kill the Governor General of Korea?"

The next morning in chapel he was speaking to the students and I was interpreting for him. "Yes," said he, "you conspire in this room?" This made me nervous—what should I say? "I am glad you are conspirators! Go on! Conspire some more!" He stopped, and I told the students that he was saying something in regard to them and what they were doing in this room morning by morning. I was relieved when he uttered with much force, "I will join you and we will join forces the whole round world in a conspiracy against the Devil, the arch-enemy of God. Keep on plotting against the Devil in this room morning by morning!"

It was in this room that we sang "Glory to His Name," as the teachers and boys were led from us to prison to suffer for His glory.

KIL CHIN HYENG AND O SOON-AI

III

The Lovers

This is Kil Chin Hyeng and his bride O Soon-Ai. They are a happy couple now. A few months ago when he was in prison with broken, bleeding body and she was hearing reports of how

MAIN BUILDING AND DORMITORIES OF HUGH O'NEILL JR. ACADEMY

At right end of building is the Chapel where the plot was said to have been planned, and whence the students were supposed to have marched to the railway station to murder General Terauchi.

near death's door he was, because of the terrible torture he had undergone, they were not so happy. Now he has been acquitted and oh, the joy of that home! Koreans are not free from sentiment. I was waiting outside the little wicket gate of the prison in Seoul last March when the ninety-nine acquitted prisoners were to be released. It was not easy to get close to the gate because of the crowds. At three o'clock that afternoon a slender figure found her way to the gate and she was there at nine o'clock when the first man came out. She thought not of the crowd about! No one did! Brothers kissed brothers; mothers hugged their sons; and Soon-Ai just threw her arms about Chin Hyeng's neck. Though there was a crowd about these two lovers were as much alone as they are in that picture.

Kil, the famous blind preacher, (first installed native pastor in Korea,) the father of the young man, groped his way a few steps, father and son were embracing each other and all were in tears. "Thank God! Thank God for His grace! Thank God for His great love to us!" When I saw all this outside the little wicket gate, I was glad for the privilege of being "inside the house when the doors were closed to the outside world."

It will interest you to know the story of the engagement between these two in the picture. The father and mother and their son Chin Hyeng, with a friend of the family, sat down opposite the mother, a widow, and daughter Soon-Ai, and their friend. They sang a hymn, read the word of God and the father led in prayer. Then each of the young couple questioned the other: "What is your purpose in life?" asked the young man. "How much do you love Jesus?" Soon-Ai asked. The father asked the young woman if she understood what becoming engaged meant. After a satisfactory answer was given, Soon-Ai's mother put similar questions to the young man. After they both promised that they would consider the vows they had then taken in the presence of God as sacred, Chin Hyeng led in prayer. Soon-Ai followed him most earnestly, and after the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced, they had a feast. The wedding ceremony took place months later. This picture was taken after they were married.

They are an ideal pair. He a graduate of the Union Christian College at Pyeng Yang, and we are glad to claim her as one of the graduates of the Syen Chun Girls' Academy. They plan to go as missionaries to China, if God permit. He was a very efficient professor in the Hugh O'Neill Jr. Academy when the Japanese police came one day and took all the teachers of the school and many students and put them in prison.

Soon-Ai says she prayed for Chin Hyeng much every day and sometimes through the night watches while he was going through that agonizing torture. Although his arm was broken twice and he lost his reason many times, he says, "Jesus was nearer than arms, or head or hands—*oh! so near!*"

They glory now in the fact that they were called to suffer, Soon-Ai, outside; Chin Hyeng, inside the prison.

IV

A Graduate of Hugh O'Neill Jr. Academy, Syen Chun, Korea

The group had sprung up largely through student preaching during the revival of 1910. The call came to Yang Chun Huig, after graduation, to go to this group. They had no leader; he became the local preacher, organizer, superintendent—all in one. They boarded him from house to house among them. Every evening they met for Bible study. He taught them how to sing the Gospel hymns. He gathered some of the children who were running wild together and organized a day-school. Twenty-one boys were enrolled in less than two months. The church grew in membership, in knowledge of the Bible and in spiritual life. This young man was taken from his post one day by a policeman. He was told that the Chief of Police wanted to see him.

CHURCH ORGANIZED BY YANG CHUN HUIG GREETING HIM ON HIS RETURN FROM PRISON

Two young men whom he had chosen as capable of leading and specially trained now stepped into the place of leadership of the seventy hungry men, women and children in this nook in the mountains who had been fed by God, through Yang Chun Huig.

For over one year and a half he was in prison, and these mountain people who had learned the deep truths of the Gospel through him, continued praying for him. He was finally released from prison and such a happy meeting as was held in this little church when he returned! God used the prison experience of suffering to make of Yang a preacher. He preaches more boldly the crucified Christ and his experience has given him a greater depth of spiritual life. It was your prayers in the homeland and those of Christians throughout the world which made Yang and many others the strong spiritual forces we find them since their prison experience.

(*Rev.*) *Geo. S. McCune.*

A Laos Montessori Girl

SCHOOL work in Prae for the last year has been very interesting. We moved from the old site to the new compound in May, 1913. One house was finished and the girls' school building was nearing completion. We had no building, even temporary, for the boys' school and so concluded to open the session under the dwelling house, but that was not yet ready so, as the need for this school seemed urgent, it began work in the girls' school building till its own temporary quarters were ready. A large native house of teakwood was moved from the old compound and rebuilt into the boys' dormitory. When this was done and the space under the mission house bricked with bricks taken from the city wall the boys moved and the girls' school began. Later it was found inconvenient to have the boys under the house and the old chapel was moved over and converted into a schoolhouse. It has since been necessary to add a bamboo shed for extra recitation rooms, and the very wee tots were taken into the girls' primary class.

The boys' school has had an attendance of between eighty and ninety, there have been about thirty-five girls and twelve primary boys in the girls' school. There have been over thirty boy boarders and from thirteen to fifteen girl boarders. About half the pupils in the schools are from our Christian homes while the rest are from the Siamese official and Chinese merchant classes. We have had the adopted children of the Governor and those of the city treasurer and other officials.

The boarders in the girls' school are trained in housekeeping, laundry work, cooking, sewing and weaving. They follow the Government course in Siamese and have work in Laos and English. We teach enough Laos to our Christians to enable them to read their Bibles and hymnbooks, but all the higher work is

conducted in Siamese and English. The Bible is taught daily in all classes. The boys' school follows the Government course also. Mr. McMullin has had charge of this school with four or five native teachers.

MRS. E. C. CORT WITH HER PUPILS AT PRAE

We have had two regular teachers in the girls' school beside the work I could give. I taught English and Bible. Our head teacher is the widow of a Siamese official and is most capable. She is the daughter of one of the first Bangkok Christians and a former Wang Lang girl. She has taken complete charge of the dormitory with oversight of the daily marketing for both schools, has conducted the sewing class and sold the girls' work, and has collected all the tuition and taught Siamese and some English, which she speaks very well. Several times she has run the school without missionary help. She knows Siamese etiquette and customs so thoroughly that the Siamese officials are glad to entrust their daughters to her care.

She has a little daughter six years old who is truly a Montessori child, though none of her teachers are familiar with that system. She was a timid little tot of four when her mother came to us and she had been her mother's constant companion and so continued with her in the schoolroom. No restraint was put upon her and she came and went as she pleased. She saw the other children working and wanted to do what they did. Naturally a clever child she soon began to read Siamese and English. At first she could not write or spell but by constant trying she now does both well. She is now six years old and is studying both languages with the highest class in school and generally leads her class in both. She became interested in Laos too, because she wanted to sing, so of her own accord she studied evenings with the girls in the dormitory till she could read and write it. She now helps much older pupils in the three languages and was reading the story of Joseph to the matron of the school, who can not read, in the evening. The child's name

LITTLE SIRIT
Picture taken when she was four years old.

is Sirit. She thinks the story of Joseph is the most interesting story she ever read. Sirit also cuts out and makes her doll's clothes, sews on a hand sewing machine and crochets lace. She has now decided it is time to begin organ work. Whenever I speak to her in English she

answers in English, though she understands more than she can use. She has the correct idea of language acquisition, she confided to her mother she wanted to hear us talk so she could learn how. She always talks English to Ginger, our fox terrier, because she thinks he can not understand Siamese. Her strongest ambition is to come to America to study to be a doctor. She is now asking to be taken into full communion, as she says she loves Jesus.

The Peoria Presbyterial Society, which supports me, sent three large boxes and a barrel of books, school supplies and cloth for the sewing class. It practically supplied all the material used throughout the year, furnishing clothes for eighteen poor pupils and also bringing in about thirty dollars for articles made by the girls from the contents.

About thirty-three pupils in the two schools confessed faith in Christ this year.

Two girls from Chieng Mai who went to study in Wang Lang School with Miss Cole several years ago, graduated in March and will help this next year in the Chieng Mai School.

(*Mrs. E. C.*) *Mabel Gilson Cort.*

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

The Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Boomer wish their friends to know that their address is changed from Concepcion to *Casilla* 811, Santiago, Chile, S. A.

ARRIVALS:

At New York, —.—Miss Amanda M. Kerr from India. Address, 252 Franklin St., Carlisle, Pa.
At San Francisco, —.—Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Brown from the Philippine Islands. Address, Parkville, Mo.
At San Francisco, April 8.—Rev. and Mrs. Chas. E. Scott from China. Address, 240 Linden St., Holyoke, Mass.
At New York, April 23.—Rev. D. B. Updegraff from India. Address, 1421 Wightman St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
At San Francisco, —.—Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Worley from Japan. Address, 212 S. Euclid Ave., Pasadena, Cal.
At New York, April 24.—Rev. J. H. Orbison, M.D., and Mrs. Orbison from India. Address, 690 Eighth Ave., New York City.
At New York, April 24.—Dr. Annie Young from India.
At New York, April 27.—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Nicol from Syria. Address, 603 Fifth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
At New York, April —.—Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Bulkley from Siam. Address, 531 Madison Avenue, New York City.
At New Orleans, May 1.—Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Petran, Rev. W. E. Vanderbilt and Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown of the Mexico Mission.

DEPARTURES:

From San Francisco, April 2.—Miss Amelia P. Klein, returning to the Philippine Islands.
From New York, April 9.—Rev. F. L. Snyder, returning to Siam.
From San Francisco, April 11.—Dr. W. R. Cunningham, returning to Shantung, China.
From New York, April 16.—Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Schwab, returning to Africa.
From New York, April 16.—Miss Ruth McCandliss, to join the Hainan Mission.
From San Francisco, April 29.—Dr. W. A. Briggs, returning to Laos.

RESIGNATIONS:

Miss Mary K. Van Duzee of the West Persia Mission. Appointed 1875.
Mrs. Frank H. Chalfant of the Shantung Mission, China. Appointed 1887.
Miss M. E. Robinson of the North India Mission. Appointed 1907. To be married to a missionary of the United Presbyterian Church.

TO COMING AND GOING MISSIONARIES

ALL Missionaries of the Presbyterian Board arriving or departing through the port of Seattle, Wash., are earnestly invited to register at the office of the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh Avenue and Spring Street. They can there come in touch with officers of the Women's Presbyterial Society. Meetings of this Society are held regularly the second Tuesday of every month excepting July and August, in the parlors of this church. Missionaries are most cordially welcome.

Mrs. J. Addison Campbell,
President of Seattle Presbyterial Society.

ALL AROUND THE HORIZON

The youngest daughter of my Biblewoman, Sen Lu Deh, is one of my nurses and took care of me all the time I was ill. Always gentle, quiet, patient, cheerful and so eager to help me. One night when the pain was most severe, she knelt by my bed and asked our Father to give me rest and sleep—and He did. I am planning to help her attend the medical school at Peking. Her father-in-law-to-be is a very fine doctor, has charge of a large hospital in the south. I find the Chinese make splendid nurses, just as good as any at home. They are worth all we can possibly do for them. A year ago a country girl came to learn to be a nurse. She was so green I was in despair (you see, I had never seen one of these country girls grow, I was "green," too). I sent her to Mrs. Wight's school; a year's association with eighty girls has worked wonders. She will make a fine nurse, quiet, obedient and good-natured. (*Miss*) *Alma D. Dodds.*

Tengchowfu, China.

Busy is the first word one thinks of in speaking of Pyeng Yang. The men are all busy itinerating or with the Bible Institute. When you go over to the Girls' School life is heard humming there. Out in the country teaching classes, attending to household cares and children, working in the school, every woman has her special occupation here in the station. On New Year's Day we gave a reception for all of the women of the churches in the Women's Institute Building. Mrs. Blair's Victrola entertained the guests beautifully upstairs, after which they were sent down to the tea room in groups of fifty to have tea and be greeted by the hostesses there. The greater number of us received upstairs and had pleasant talks with the four hundred women, who all said they had a delightful time.

Pyeng Yang, Korea. (*Miss*) *Jessie L. Rodgers.*

I must tell you of the most interesting and spontaneous development of the work since my return, for it truly, like Topsy, "just grew." The small folks coming into my yard to play under the pear trees suggested calling them in for songs and stories; this pleased their small majesties and brought recruits. My Biblewoman had once had a few months' work in a kindergarten and some blocks and shavings, picked up after the carpenter, made the small crowd busy and happy. Admiring mothers and grandmothers strolled in to see and remaining with smiles of satisfaction, soon spread for us the unsought reputation of having a kindergarten. The class increased to twenty, the days to three times a week; paper and paste were worked overtime and our heads searched for ideas that I'm sure would have looked entirely original to any true kindergartner. We were besought by mothers, grandmothers and even fathers to receive into our care their "stupid and foolish" offspring; to open our doors every day, to accept a fee and to do all things not lawful to do without the permission of the paternal Government.

Such prosperity was alarming and one enthusiastic father volunteered to explain to the Mayor, with the result that we have his sanction—also his small daughter in the "Topsy." When I moved into the mission house, built to accommodate a family, it was supposed to be sheer hardness of heart if I would not admit all who would enter in. So from December we accommodated thirty each morning and began to search for a trained teacher. The mothers all agreed to a thirty-*sen* fee until April, then to increase to fifty.

We continued to pray for teachers and quite suddenly just the right one was made known, a charming girl, who had been a pupil of "The Lady of the Decoration." Then a married lady, trained for kindergarten work, gladly left the primary school to pursue her own specialty. So here they are, the two of them, working harmoniously, both capable teachers, beloved of the children, one a Methodist and the other Presbyterian by church association, and most wonderful to relate in this unmusical land, both sufficiently musical. People here as elsewhere are more interested in their children than in their souls and it may be that even in this Shinto city, which Satan hath bound down these many years, a little child shall lead them. (*Miss*) *Jessie Riker.*

Yamada, Japan.

It is strange how among Mohammedans the people are looking for Christ's coming. Yesterday some descendants of Mohammed were listening to a hymn I sang for them. One of them leaned over after I finished and said: "Do you know *when* He is coming back?" I answered that no one but God Himself knew, but that we must be prepared at all times of the day or night for His coming. . . . I have been thinking much of that verse, "Every man that hath this hope purifieth himself even as He is pure." The Church at home seems to have waked up to the fact that she must purify herself in readiness for His coming. One evidence is that the denominations are realizing as never before that there is need for union if the church would win the world for Christ. (*Mrs. A. B.*) *H. N. Gould.*

India.

Some years ago an Englishman and a Brahmin priest stood by the Ganges, watching the bathing operations of the worshipers. "How long has this been going on?" asked the Englishman. "Two thousand five hundred years," was the reply. "And I suppose it will go on another two thousand five hundred?" To the Englishman's surprise the Brahmin answered, "No, there is Jesus Christ."—*The Gleaner.*

"What right have we Westerners to take an Asiatic religion, such as Christianity, with all of its Oriental imagery and statement, reshape it in statements of our own Occidental prejudice and dogma, and then force it back upon the Asiatic again? Let us give him Christ in the simplest possible terms, and if he must have a creed, he will make it himself."—*Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D.*

THE BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

THE FORTY-FOURTH anniversary of the Philadelphia Society was held in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 28-30. There were present twenty-seven missionaries, fifteen members of the Board, a large number of delegates and many visitors. The large church was filled at each session.

The Assembly opened with devotional services, led by Miss Margaret E. Hodge, president. The synodical and presbyterial societies responded to the roll-call by Mrs. Weitzel, with a text touching upon Stewardship. Mrs. F. A. Kimball, president of the Pittsburgh Presbyterial Society, gave the greeting of welcome, not only to the city but to Shadyside Church, and spoke not only of the pleasure of meeting together, but of the spiritual blessing and wider vision that will come to each one from such intercourse. Miss Hodge responded to the greeting. Miss Rachel Lowrie presented the Home report in the form of a story and, in her own inimitable way, portrayed the feelings of the *débutante* member of the Board as she attended the executive meetings and absorbed the spirit and the letter of its work and problems.

The children's societies on the roll of honor were represented by children carrying flags, with the names of the societies in red, black or gold letters, according as they had filled the requirements. Their marching through the church and across the platform during the singing of the hymn was a very attractive sight. Dr. Elizabeth F. Lewis spoke of the value of medical itineration, going into the country and far-away places to give medical aid to those who could not come to the hospital on account of the long distance.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe proved, by word and picture, "Christ is King" to be the belief and objective of all the machinery, service and gifts of foreign missions. Beginning with the pictured group of the Assembly's Board, with a touch light but firm, we were taken to the countries where the Philadelphia Board has missionaries. Racily, but reverently, we were made to hear and see results. With gratitude and renewed determination the thousand voices joined in singing the words on the last slide,

> "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
> Does his successive journeys run."

On Wednesday morning, after the opening prayer, Mrs. H. S. Prentiss Nichols, in her strong plea for Federation, spoke of the permanent fruits of the Jubilee, which did most for the people of the United States, though intended for the missionaries, and of the federation of the Boards of Missions, which binds together for all time the nineteen Foreign Mission Boards.

The claims of the magazines were presented in dramatic form, Mrs. S. B. November leading and awakening a keen interest in the new members of the society, who were represented by young women.

Miss Scott presented the following missionaries and each one was given two minutes to answer the question, "What would I do if I had more 'workers?' "

Africa—Mrs. O. H. Pinney, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Johnston; China—Dr. Elizabeth F. Lewis, Dr. Isabella Mack Patton; Guatemala—Mrs. W. B. Allison; Mexico—Miss Blanche Bonine; India—Mrs. A. G. McGaw, Mrs. M. B. Carleton, Mrs. Reese Thackwell; Japan—Miss M. H. London, Miss Sallie Alexander; Siam—Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cort; Korea—Miss E. L. Shields, Rev. G. S. McCune; Persia—Mrs. W. S. Vanneman, Mrs. S. G. Wilson; Syria—Mrs. W. K. Eddy, Rev. George Doolittle; under appointment—Miss H. C. Merker, Miss A. F. Baird. Rev. G. S. McCune testified with enthusiasm to the spiritual growth of the Korean character, due to five causes: devotion to the Bible, belief in the power of prayer, conscientious giving, witness bearing, and the happy smile in contrast to the naturally sad face. A sketch of the work done by the young stewards

was given by the chairman of each organization, and we rejoiced with them not only in the numbers coming to their ranks, but in the deepening interest among the members.

Simultaneous conferences in the interest of special departments of the work were held before and after the regular sessions and were of vital interest. On Wednesday afternoon, Miss London gave us a vision of the wonderful opportunities now open for work among the Japanese and said that "nothing but the love of Jesus Christ could reach these people, and what affected Japan affected Korea and China."

Mrs. Faries told us of the many advantages gained by mission study, a knowledge of the customs, beliefs, characteristics of the people and of their past history and language, enabling us to understand them better, for educational and evangelistic work go hand in hand, and such knowledge is to be found in the new text-book, *The Child in the Midst.*

Dr. Isabella Patton of China gave a survey of the daily work at a station centre with its numerous calls and interruptions from morning to night; the routine work, the open house, giving the Christianizing influence of the home, the teaching and the relief of suffering, all a part of the work of evangelization.

On Wednesday evening at least three thousand persons in the First Church listened with rapt attention as Dr. John R. Mott told of the "Present World Situation." He said there never was a time when simultaneously in all parts of the world the doors were all so wide open to the friendly entrance of Christianity, no time when the world faced a wider opportunity than to-day; that the spirit of unrest was everywhere and what was to be done should be done within the next few years. He urged closer co-operation, larger and more strategic plans, larger dynamics.

Miss Hodge unexpectedly made the plea for the offering, which is to be given to build a Bible Institute in Chai Ryung, Korea. Mrs. W. B. Allison referred to Guatemala as a diamond field full of uncut gems, only waiting to be polished to show their value, a process well worth while, but the harvest is large and the workers few. Problems of the society were considered in open session. Mrs. Weitzel leading, difficult questions brought out clear answers and knotty problems were solved.

Miss Bonine, with intensity and earnestness, pictured the possibilities of the Mexican if brought under the influence of Christian education, and pleaded for more helpers, a better opportunity and our prayers for Mexico. Mrs. Vanneman spoke for the Persian new woman who was awakening and demanding an education, and told of the new courage that was coming to her and of the open doors everywhere

All through the Biennial the spiritual note was dominant, the times of intercessory prayer frequent and tenderly solemn. Pittsburgh hospitality and sisterly kindness were never more beautifully expressed or more deeply appreciated. Surely these devoted women will receive a double blessing.

(*Miss*) *A. L. Flanigen.*

Certainly the life beyond the grave must be a life of mighty possibilities of service, or such a worker as Frank W. Chalfant would not be transferred by divine wisdom from China to the world unseen. Restlessly energetic and exuberantly enthusiastic, Dr. Chalfant was putting into his service in China a whole life and a little more. And he was spending it all so wisely, so sympathetically and so sanguinely that he broadcasted faith and cheer and hope wherever he went. No human supervision over the work would have thought of moving him out from a place to which he was so perfectly adapted and transferring him to another sphere of service. But God's way was to order him back to America by the stern command of disabling disease, and then through the pinching gateway of pain to lead him out to the other land. It is by such mysteries that those who remain behind can guess how urgent is the need for great, strong men to do God's service in the wider realms beyond the veil.—*The Continent.*

Teaching the Bible is an unusual joy here, for the believing Christians are naturally spiritually minded and they delight in comparison, illustration and figure. Then the fact that the Bible is an Oriental Book makes some things easier for them to understand than for the American reader.

Pyeng Yang. *Mrs. E. M. Mowry.*

Sunshine and Shadow

THE building for the Girls' Boarding School will be completed by the end of April we hope. It is to be a three-story building with dormitories on the third floor, and classrooms and dining-room, etc., below. It will be a great pleasure to have our girls in comfortable quarters with grounds for recreation and exercise. Many of the upper class are eager to send girls when we have a respectable place. The Boys' School was moved to their new building near the close of last year. . The ladies' residence is nearing completion. It has reached the stage where "finishing touches" are so important and so difficult to attain. If missionaries could be color-blind they would be saved a great deal of "nervous irritation." A very pretty shade of yellow was chosen for the inside finish of the new house in an attempt to give the woodwork the appearance of maple, but we behold each pot of paint that is mixed a different shade, so doors and windows range from light yellow to reddish orange!

I have been much interested in reading the accounts of the China Campaign. I am thankful so much has been accomplished. We are eager for new missionaries. Can't you get some folks to want to come to Yeung Kong, to a real hard country station where we are isolated and lonely but a place *brim full* of grand opportunities?

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

You can hardly realize with what feelings we look back to opportunities we have had of reaching lives which we seem to have passed by and not touched. We hear sad stories of some who might have received of the Water of Life but have not. One such came to me recently. Last spring we needed a woman nurse in the hospital and this story concerns one of those who applied for the position.

She was only a little over twenty, pretty, bright, related to a good Christian family. Her husband was mentally unbalanced and she had sold her older daughter to obtain money to use in appeasing the spirits or in buying cures from the native quacks for him. She had attractive manners and considerable education for a Chinese woman, but with her smaller child to care for it did not seem wise for her to attempt the work we should require. It is probable she would not have proved a suitable person for nurse, but we cannot help thinking we might have saved her from what has happened had we but tried her.

A CHINESE GIRL OF CHINING CHOW, SHANTUNG

Her husband died a few months ago. She sold her younger child to raise money for burial expenses and within a few weeks married in an improper fashion a man from the country. Whether she knew this man was a robber or not we do not know, but that is what he proved to be; and her wifely duty was to escort the girls his band had stolen to Canton and sell them into evil lives. After having made the trip several times, she was suspected of wrongdoing by the boat authorities and was reported to the official, who promptly had her arrested.

One sunny day, this woman was summoned before the magistrate. In anticipation of being given her freedom, she dressed with care and went forth only to be immediately escorted through the city to the execution grounds and with six men, shot! She was the first woman to be executed in a long time. How we hope that during the days of her imprisonment she dwelt on the Gospel she had heard and looked to Jesus for forgiveness and strength.

(Mrs. W. H.) Effie M. Dobson.

YEUNG KONG.

With Presbyterian Young People

BIENNIAL BY-PRODUCTS

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR WESTMINSTER GUILDS AND YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIETIES; TRY THEM AND ASK FOR MORE.

BUSINESS. MONEY-MAKING. ACTIVITIES. SOCIAL SIDE. STUDY. MISSIONARIES. LOYALTY. SPIRITUAL STIMULUS.

ENTHUSIASM, brevity, preparation, make even routine business attractively interesting.

Several Guilds report successful catering for Brotherhood suppers. An unusual combination of money-making and social life. One Circle hemmed towels for mothers at five cents each. Members of another Guild were most successful in earning one dollar each during the summer. Note that especially.

Great variety of activities. Mother a group of Light Bearers or a Circle—splendid thing for girls who want something to do! Some who love to sew made pretty things for their missionary, first getting her measures. Had you thought of co-operating with other organizations? These three things have been found possible: substituting in meetings of auxiliary; conducting missionary meetings in Christian Endeavor Society; giving a "Missionary Demonstration" for the whole church —without any charge for admission!

Recommendations for social stirrings were legion. Here are a few particularly good ones: A birthday social for the *Society*, cake with one candle for each year since organization, games, music, refreshments and, in one case, each member brought as many pennies as *her* years equaled; country tramps during outdoor season. Camping parties. A picnic in the autumn, to which all newcomers, especially school-teachers with "Presbyterian leanings," were personally invited.

Societies handicapped by lack of equipped leaders for *study* meetings solved their problems in these ways: (1) Summer Conferences; (2) meeting of programme committee between regular meetings; (3) a normal class, composed of executive committee plus a few others, which studied the whole book before using any part of it in the regular meeting. One member—excused from any other special work in connection with study or programmes—made most attractive and educational charts to be hung during the meetings. If, for local reasons, real study is absolutely impossible, why not follow the example of one society which has the text-book read aloud while the members sew—not ideal, to be sure, but much better than nothing.

Are the missionaries, even those for whom you are partly responsible, real to all your members? Some young people have made them so by writing to them friendly, chatty letters, "not sermons," and sending them occasional magazines, yes, even fashion books; reading the *Bulletin* (Westminster Guild) articles about them; having missionary speakers when available; using the *Year Book* in the meetings.

"Loyalty" was another interesting topic of discussion. Do all the members of your society understand their connection with and relation to the presbyterial, synodical and Board organizations? Have a talk on it sometime. In one society the girls had supper together at the church before the regular meeting, which was followed by a special talk given by the presbyterial secretary for young people who was invited for that special purpose. Loyalty to the services of the local church, prayer-meeting, for example. In one church two rows of chairs across the front are reserved for and always filled by members of the Westminster Guild. The patronesses go too! Loyalty to each other. "The unwritten law is that each member of a Chapter or Circle shall be able to count upon the loyalty of every other girl. The first step is that no member shall say anything unkind about another." Try that for the rest of the year in *your* society.

The "devotional opening" of meetings has been vitalized by "expectancy instead of indifference" on the part of the members, and preparation on the part of the leader. Some helps to these ends were: Prepared rituals; use of the Bible Study Programmes; in one case one leader was in charge of the opening for six consecutive meetings; member chosen to lead the Bible reading and prayer some time ahead and expected to meet with other leaders beforehand; weekly prayer groups, *every* member offering a brief prayer. A special suggestion was made that simplicity, personal testimony and thought be substituted for the more formal address when a little talk is given.

All of these plans, which were brought out in reports and conference discussions, have been tried out. Many people contributed them. If you want to be referred to these people, if you want fuller details, or still different suggestions, write for them.

Harriette R. Halloway.

I HAD three weeks of good work in camp some time ago and there were fifty people added to the Christian community by baptism. One small boy was very anxious to be baptized; because his parents were not Christians it was thought best to have him wait. He looked up so pitifully and said: "I will give you two *anas*" (four cents) "if you will baptize me." . . . I wonder how the following clippings from our newspaper would strike those Americans who talk about the beautiful Hindu religion and think that Mohammedans are about as good as Christians: "A Hindu widow burned herself to death after pouring kerosene over her body. The suicide is alleged to have been to avoid compulsory remarriage with her husband's brother." "A woman at Jagraon drowned herself in their own well because her husband was going to bring home another wife," a frequent occurrence. "On Saturday there were celebrated four hundred weddings at Surat, the couples being members of the Lowa Runbi caste, among whom marriages only take place every ten or twelve years. Only one bride was over twelve, the majority being between one and eleven years old. The bridegrooms ranged from three to nine years. Most of the contracting parties sat in the laps of their parents during the ceremony and were given sweets to keep them quiet." *(Miss) Sarah M. Wherry.*

JAGRAON, India.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

CHINA

Dr. Harriett Allyn gives some vivacious impressions of a newcomer in Canton: England was lovely, Germany quaint and interesting, Moscow like a city of the Middle Ages, but for pure, unadulterated queerness China takes the prize! We are in a suburb and the farms are right across the canal. You should see the perilous path one must follow in walking. The fields are sunk about three feet below the path, and completely filled with water, in which the plants grow like weeds. The path is sometimes two feet wide, very uneven, and in it you may meet a man carrying by a pole across his shoulders about half a ton of hay. We went to see a woman who is one of the river people. There are thousands of people living in tiny "house-boats." Near the shore are tiny houses built on stilts. We walked out across a narrow plank to one little house, passed it on another plank, dropped down a foot or so to another, accomplished the turning of a corner at the same time, nearly frightened into fits two cats tied by strings to the premises, and then crawled into the front door, doubled up like jack-knives, because the door was two feet high and likewise two feet above the "veranda plank." One room filled the house, five feet by ten, maybe. It may have been four feet high, we did not attempt to stand up! The woman hospitably presented a three-inch-high stool for a chair. You might say that I sat in the bedroom, for the close proximity of the bedding: there was no bed. In the same manner Dr. Hackett sat in the kitchen, for her corner held the bowls, the infinitesimal stove, and a spoon or two. Miss Stockton was in the chapel, behind her, paper figure, burning incense sticks, etc., proclaimed the shrine. When we departed, two women from the intervening houses held a bamboo pole across the space between the last house and the shore as a railing for the clumsy foreigners, who might otherwise have no more poise than to fall off a perfectly good plank into the water!

In the midst of the call I heard a board rattle down behind me, and turned to see where the neighbors had pulled out the board window between the huts, in order to have a look. Curiosity is a polite art in China, it is considered a compliment! Only uninteresting things get no notice, you know! On the way back a water buffalo had an idea of coming out to meet us on a plank on which we were crossing a wide canal. I think the beast failed to grasp the idea that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time. We were somewhat agitated, but a valiant policeman seized him by the horns and caused him to "wait for the ladies."

The other day Dr. Hackett observed a boy taking a partial bath in the tub where the live fish swim in front of a shop. By the way, I have been wondering how the poorer women get a bath, for they live decidedly in the public eye, and would be scandalized to death to let their collar-bones be seen. They can go about with trousers rolled half way to their hips, but they *must* wear a collar and long sleeves! Behold, the other day a woman on a boat wanted to bathe. She had on a black *shawm* and trousers, their usual costume. She went to the side of the boat, drew up a pail of water, dashed its frigid contents down her collar, and still within the *shawm* proceeded to rub and scrub with the *shawm* itself. This done she drew another pailful and cast its contents at her trousers, using them as a wash-cloth in like manner. How she dried off history fails to relate. All very neat and tidy!

SYRIA

Miss Ottora M. Horne writes from Beirut: I wish you could see the gray and pink velvet crumpled over the mountains, the snow crowns with sprites of clouds floating over their heads in the blue, blue, blue sky and our lovely Mediterranean under this golden sunshine. Wouldn't you like the big bunch of sweet violets on my table or my lovely pink roses? The garden has masses of cyclamen and callas and amaryllis lilies. Oh, it is a lovely country! . . . The Y. W. C. A. is flourishing; we have just admitted about a dozen girls as new members. The week following the "Week of Prayer" was given up to special services conducted by Mr. Hardin, whom the girls like very much. We have an unusually large number of Protestant girls this year so we are having a special class for them to instruct them in Protestant doctrine. A very strong interest is shown, not only by the Protestants, but by some of the Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic girls.

We try to do a good deal of personal work—for that is what counts most—yet it has to come about spontaneously, if it is to do much good; and the way to secure opportunities is to get in touch with a girl's life at all points; and then one of these will be the point of sympathetic understanding. Basket-ball has helped me a good many times to find how to get "next" to a girl who needed me. . . . I have been almost in despair about the new building; we do need it so. We had about 130 girls last year and found it hard enough then; but this year we have 162, and our schoolroom holds 64!

JAPAN

Mrs. Geo. P. Pierson writes from Asahigawa. On our Island of Hokkaido famine conditions are pretty bad. Right in our own city 1,338 persons will have to be fed for sixty-one days at the rate of three cents apiece a day. The Christians of the four churches formed a band to help the town authorities cope with the situation. After a week of prayer and preparation we marched through the town with lanterns and a band every night for a week, collecting help. Men, women and children walked in the procession carrying red lanterns with the sign of the Cross and singing Christian hymns. The red lanterns twinkled back and forth over the snow between the dark houses and the big sleigh that carried our plunder. One night I counted five women in the procession with babies on their backs, the babies' heads swinging in unison with the lanterns. A small sled carried a charcoal fire at which our musicians had to melt their instruments when they froze.

A hundred thousand people are suffering from the famine, of which many thousands are on our Island. The earthquake at Kagoshima caused much less suffering and death.

HOME DEPARTMENT

WELDING THE WORLD TOGETHER

Two very great conferences have been held this past winter, each affecting the student life of the United States, each in its own way of supreme interest to the Christian people of the United States and each including in thought and purpose far more than the welfare of this country. The quadrennial convention of the Student Volunteer Movement held early in January in Kansas City, with its five thousand delegates from the colleges of North America and its large group of South American and Asiatic delegates, has been reported in these pages. During those four days the men and women of the colleges saw more clearly than ever before the great hungry world with its needs and longings and the Foreign Mission became to them a living reality.

The Conference, which convened on April seventeenth, at Garden City, New York, was notable for different reasons. There were no enthusiastic crowds of college boys, no singing of hymns, very little oratory, but there was a thorough discussion of the problems which the Church of Christ in America is at the present time facing by those who in the past twenty-five years have seen the foreign need and made Foreign Missions one of the greatest causes in the Student's world. This Conference was called "for the purpose of enabling the leaders of the Student Movements of the United States and Canada to take counsel with an important group of recognized authorities on social questions from the point of view of the Church, so as to determine more clearly the part which Christian students should have in helping to solve the social problems of our day," and to study and plan for the actual relating of the source of supply—the student world of North America—to the great civic and social needs of our present national life. Drs. Rauschenbusch, Graham Taylor and Woods of Boston, Miss Scudder of Wellesley, Dr. Devine and Owen Lovejoy of the Child Labor Commission, Prof. Henderson of the University of Chicago, and Mrs. Labaree of the Kennedy School of Missions were some of those who brought experience and wisdom to the discussions.

Mr. Mott presided at the sessions of the Conference. It is always hard to tell just what a meeting of this sort is going to mean in its outwork. Several things already are quite clear, however, as results of this one. A new realization has come to the leaders of students in America of a responsibility for those who live "in the realm of disadvantage on this continent." An atmosphere has been created in which it is possible to see clearly the will of God, and with the knowledge a growing disposition to do God's will, cost what it may." And a sense of corporate responsibility has been developed in these leaders of the great student movements of this continent. Canada and the United States can no longer be indifferent each to what the other is doing. The work of men and women must be more closely united in sympathy and understanding, in order that all the opportunity which God has given to these two Christian nations may be bought up and educated America may have her part in Christianizing the world. Only as these Christian nations maintain their purity of ideal and build up continually into an ever stalwart Christianity can their influence in the non-Christian world be for righteousness. In this day the world has indeed been brought closely into a neighborhood and Africa and Asia are depending on us for their light. It is time, therefore, that America should face her own problems for the sake of the world and the Kingdom of the Lord Christ.

(*Mrs. D. E.*) *Dorothea Potter.*

The Foreign Association Pageant was prepared with unusual care by the class of 1912 of the Training School of the Y. W. C. A. Women of five leading colleges headed the committees which arranged the sections. These were carefully edited and actually represented before being put into print. There is a prologue, an epilogue, and sections on China, India, South America and Japan. In the preface are practical suggestions of great value on presenting pageants. Concise and accurate directions are given for the detail of arranging each section, with plans for properties and costumes. If it is not desired to use the whole pageant the separate acts may be obtained in galley form, but the pamphlet, containing all the material with many valuable suggestions, costs only twenty cents. Music of the different countries may also be obtained. The address of the National Y. W. C. A. Board is 600 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Shortly after the death of the late Rev. Dr. Jas. S. Dennis a communication from which we quote was received by the President of the Board of Foreign Missions from a Syrian importer of East Orange, N. J.: "I asked Mrs. Hart to write me a short poem relating to the life of our beloved missionary. She kindly did so and I am sending it to you now. These lines express our (the Syrians') feelings. We owe much to Dr. Dennis. *B. Shehadi.*"

HE IS NOT DEAD

Our brother bids us not to mourn,
He is not dead, he is new-born;
He hears the Father say, "Well done,"
And knows the victory is won.
For deeds like his there is no death,
They are of love the living breath;
Obedient to His Law Divine,
Which knows no shadow or decline.

Far Syria, where he labored long,
Full twenty years, sends back a song
Of praise and honor, loud and clear,
From thankful hearts that hold him dear.
The talents that were his to own,
To greater talents still are grown.
The Master's coming brings no dread
To one by His own Spirit led.

Florence G. Hart.

THE CONSTRUCTIVE QUARTERLY has grown stronger and richer during its first year of existence. Its table of contents for the past year gives a broad view of the "faith, work and thought of Christendom," as was promised when the periodical started. The first number of the second volume appeared in March. The group of articles on *Faith and Its Place in the Christian Religion* by a theological professor in a Scotch University; a Canon of the Church of England; A college professor who is a member of the Jesuit Order, and the Russian Archbishop of North America and the Aleutian Islands, forms a most interesting feature of this issue, especially when taken in connection with the two previous articles, *Unity in the Spiritual Fact* by an English Baptist and *Towards Unity* by a Roman Catholic Cardinal.

A CHEERFUL, though seasick, missionary writes from the Pacific to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, (Methodist):

"How Balboa named this ocean,
That I can not understand—
But he must have made the error
When he stood upon dry land.
Why he called it the Pacific
Is a mystery to me;
If he'd dubbed it the Terrific
Far more suitable 'twould be.

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"When my five years' term is over
And I homeward turn my gait,
Do you think I'll cross this ocean?
Nay—I go by Bering Strait!"

IN NEW YORK

THE Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of the New York Board was held in the chapel of the Fifth Avenue Church on Wednesday, April twenty-second. The attendance was unusually large, being approximately four hundred.

The usual business, such as the election of officers and the presentation of reports, was transacted. The reports of the home and the foreign secretaries were summarized in groups, in order that there might be time for four missionary addresses. In her report for the home secretaries Mrs. Waters emphasized the value of informal reports from presbyterial secretaries, and the necessity for a continued interest in the work of the young people. Mrs. Denny, in the report for the foreign secretaries, expressed a wish that every mission station might be equipped with a typewriter, a camera, and a Victrola. A delicious luncheon was served to all delegates and guests and during the intermission a Young People's Conference was held. It was voted to accept the cordial invitation from Louisville, Kentucky, to hold the next Annual Meeting in that city.

Miss Ada C. Holmes of Persia first entertained her audience by appearing in the costume of the Persian woman and explaining its indoor and outdoor use. This was followed by a clear and practical presentation of some of the difficult problems confronting the missionaries in Persia.

China was represented on the programme by Rev. Wm. H. Gleysteen, who took for his subject "The Religious Outlook in China." Mr. Gleysteen vividly portrayed the real need in China to-day for a strong religious faith to counteract the natural agnostic tendency of the Chinese character. The question of whether Agnosticism shall control China's life presents an unparalleled opportunity to the Christian Church.

Mrs. Dwight E. Potter gave a short and complete account of her work among the colleges, telling of the necessity of keeping the Presbyterian college girl in touch with her own Church and informed as to its work and methods. Both Mrs. Potter and Mr. Gleysteen emphasized the possible good influence of the American Christian home on foreign students in this country, an opportunity which is being utilized to some extent for the benefit of girl students, but is being neglected in the case of the boys.

Another glimpse of the Moslem world was given by Mr. Geo. C. Doolittle of Syria, who rendered the Mohamuedan call to prayer, and told of some of the results of mission work in the Turkish Empire.

The crowning address of the day was that of Dr. Stanley White, who gave a thoughtful and sympathetic study of the life and character of the Indian people, illustrated by personal observations and incidents of his visit to India. Dr. White spoke especially of the tremendous religious capacity of the awakening people, and of their interest in the social message of Christianity with its merciful treatment of suffering and poverty, and of the intense seeking after God of the Indian people.

(*Mrs. W. P.*) *Emily M. Schell.*

THE SOUTHWEST BOARD

THE Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of the Southwest was held on April twenty-first in the regular room. After the devotional service, Mrs. Hopkins, the president, announced that there were but two charter members remaining on the Board, Miss Agnes Fenby and Mrs. J. W. Allen. Mrs. Allen then gave an interesting sketch of the inception of the Board and its progress. Among other facts, she mentioned that we did not become a foreign missionary organization until 1891, and that our first foreign missionary was Miss Edna Cole of Siam.

Mrs. Allen's talk was followed by the regular annual reports of the various secretaries, showing such results as: a 73 per cent. gain in contributions from one presbytery; Westminister Guilds showing largest increase in number since their formation, eighty guilds having been added to the roll in the past year; Extension Department celebrating its fifth birthday with a banner year; eight missionary candidates accepted out of fifteen applicants, the remaining seven still being held in consideration; a gain of 684 copies sold of the *Year Book*, and many other encouraging facts which will appear in the Board's Annual Report.

Mention was made that a Life Membership in the Board had been bestowed on Mrs. R. Ranken by auxiliaries of the St. Louis Presbytery, when she retired as president of that organization. She had served most faithfully in that capacity for twelve years.

To prove that in one sense it pays to start children in early with the missionary idea, Mrs. Magill reported that over four hundred dollars had been contributed through Little Light Bearers within three years.

The members deeply regret the loss of Mrs. W. Baker through her death, early in April.

Julia P. Brookes.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE OCCIDENTAL BOARD

THE programme for the forty-first Annual Meeting crowded four days with reports, addresses and conferences greatly worth while. The officers' and committees' reports showed advance along all lines, with more money contributed, which means more interest. In the Occidental Board Chinese school there are 130 scholars, and in the Condit School at Oakland, 70. The Chinese children and their homes are thus being strongly influenced for Christianity. Two thousand three-hundred and twenty-three children under thirteen years of age are junior life members of the Occidental Board in this territory. In Westminster Guild work, this has been regarded as organization year. Literature has been scattered broadly. Thirty towns are now waiting for the field secretary, Miss Laughlin, to organize their work. Miss Sudermann, from the First Church, Berkeley, now in Africa, has been recently assigned to the Westminster Guild as their new missionary. Twelve hundred girls are taking mission study and giving equally to home and foreign missions.

The conference with Mrs. Paul Raymond emphasized especially the need of deepened prayer life. Some members of missionary societies have agreed to bow in prayer after entering their church pews; others meet before the regular missionary society meeting for prayer; and one church reported being thoroughly organized in circles of prayer. Mrs. J. Balcom Shaw's conference dealt with the relation of the Occidental Board to the other boards and councils. A discussion was held regarding giving to the general fund as against special-object giving. The first was claimed as the ideal way, but many felt the personal touch advantageous both to the missionary and the home societies. Giving to station work was urged. The First Church of Pasadena has decided to support an entire station in China, pledging about ten thousand dollars.

Mrs. L. M. Gillilan's address on "A Problem," also Dr. Sturge's talk on "The Present Japan" and Dr. Laughlin's on "Confucianism" were instructive and forceful. Dr. Ernest F. Hall, in an address on "Signs of World-wide Victory," said: "It is the lack of spirituality and not of money in our churches that is holding back the programme of Christianity."

The Occidental Board is fortunately situated, for we are able to have visits from many incoming and outgoing missionaries. Talks by Mrs. George S. McCune of Korea, and by Mr. and Mrs. Hummel, formerly of Africa, brought their fields of labor most vividly and appealingly before their listeners. Dan Crawford, author of *Thinking Black*, is indeed an amazing man, with an amazing story. Joined after ten years alone in the centre of Africa by his doctor-bride from Scotland, they carried on a unique though isolated missionary work. At one time their station was surrounded by six miles of fire. Rumors were sent daily of the approaching slaughter of the "White Angel," as Mr. Crawford called his wife; and finally forty warriors came with their chief, not to kill but to be cured. While in an unconscious state, the chief was operated upon and his life saved. After that the natives came to them for help in great numbers. One old woman, helped but not cured by Dr. Crawford, and bedridden for years, sent this message to the women of America: "Tell them that while you are on your back you see the stars."

Miss Cameron, superintendent of the Chinese home for girls in San Francisco, told of a number of thrilling rescue cases, and then brought groups of these girls to the platform to sing and give Bible verses. Visitors remarked upon the contrast between the faces of the new girls and those who had been in the home for some time. There are more than eighty girls now under her care. A two-months'-old baby boy and his thirteen-year-old mother are now the centre of loving interest. Miss Cameron told of a Chinese agent for one of the houses in San Francisco who went to China and brought back a young girl, who supposed herself to be his wife, as did her parents. After fulfilling his contract with the dive-keepers and receiving his money, the young Chinaman's conscience troubled him, especially as he discovered that he truly cared for the girl. He tried to buy her back, but in vain. Before leaving again for China, he determined to see if Miss Cameron would help rescue the girl. After hearing his story, she left with him on the midnight train for San Jose, where they waited for hours around the house before they gained entrance. As they were about to leave after a fruitless search, Miss Cameron spied a new nail in the panel. As she pulled the nail out, the panel fell down upon her. She entered a dark recess and there found the girl. A hurried ride over the county line prevented the Chinese from obtaining a writ of *habeas corpus*, for which they were applying, and there was another saved girl!

The same officers for the Occidental Board were re-elected and installed, for a more consecrated group of women could not well be found for this part of the King's business. Our president's last plea was for a deepened prayer life, urging upon all the startling fact that the crisis of foreign missions is at the home base and not on the foreign field.

(*Mrs. E. S.*) *B. R. Page.*

NORTH PACIFIC BOARD

BEST THINGS FROM THE ANNUAL PRESBYTERIAL MEETINGS.

So many Best Things and so little space!—Boise Presbyterial Meeting was held at Parma, Idaho, and had a splendid programme. A "Plan of Work" for the coming year was read the first morning and acted upon the next day, giving time to think and talk it over before voting. All agreed that one of the best things was the presence of the North Pacific Board President, Mrs. J. V. Milligan. Better work was inspired by the address on "Egypt," by Mrs. Buchanan of the U. P. Church; another *best* was a discussion on "Our magazines as helps to the various committees and organizations of a society." "Might as well try to run your kitchen without a cook-book as a missionary society without the magazines," said Mrs. Milligan. *Twin Falls* will hold its annual meeting in May, planning for much open conference. *Grande Roude, Oregon*, held annual meeting in the Sumpter Hotel parlors of Sumpter. One of the best things here was the presence of Mrs. W. J. Honeyman, a former secretary of the N. P. Board, for the last two years absent in Hawaii. She led conferences on "Mission Study" and "Work of our Board," and gave an address, "Missions in Hawaii."

From *Pendleton Presbyterial Society* the *best thing* is the report of the Indian auxiliary in Tutilla, numbering eighteen women. Besides a gift to missions, through our Board, they have helped their minister, two needy Indian students, etc., and now bravely pledge $15 for the China fund.

Portland Presbyterial met in Westminster Church, Portland. One of the best things was a little playlet written by the pastor's wife, given in serious spirit by a few ladies of Forbes Church; an address on the Laos, by Rev. L. R. Beebe, was another *best*. Perhaps the devotional service conducted by Mrs. J. W. McMichael was *the* best thing. She combined Christ's last command with His command, "Seek ye *first* the kingdom of God."

Southern Oregon Presbyterial Society does not meet in time for this symposium, but the president sends an advance programme which itself is one of *the best*. A suggestive motto is under each secretary's name. For example: Corresponding Secretary, "Be ready to give answer;" Y. P. Branch, "It is good to bear the yoke in thy youth;" Mission Study, "Study to show thyself approved unto God;" Literature, books, magazines and plays, "Knowledge shall be increased;" Box secretary, "Neither shall I offer that which cost me nothing;" Treasury Notes, "Of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give a tenth unto Thee." Mrs. C. W. Hays is the Board member who will be with them and her assistance will be of the best.

Willamette Presbyterial met at Albany. The president writes, "To me the *reports* were the *best things*. Mrs. Milligan's address upon the 'King's Business' was also a *best*, forcible and helpful,—was quoted by many and made a strong impression."

The Presbyterial Society of Bellingham, Wash., met at Sedro-Woolley. The president writes: "Our Round Robin" (questions and answers) "was one of our best things. Some of the questions were: What constitutes a successful missionary society? What might be learned from women's clubs of methods to awaken interest in our societies? What are the best methods (other than Bands) for interesting children in missions? Shall women not particularly interested in missionary business be given missionary offices? The singing in Chinese and English of 'Jesus Loves Me' by three little Chinese girls touched all hearts."

Central Washington Presbyterial met at Naches. The president says, "Please mention our Devotions with a capital 'D,' as our *best*. Also there was, as one woman said, 'an atmosphere of good will; of faith, hope and charity,' and a fine spirit evinced in all the reports of auxiliaries. A 'Memoriam' to Mrs. L. R. Beebe, (Ruth Shewbridge, their beloved young missionary in Laos) was a tender tribute."

Columbia River Presbyterial will meet at Kelso just as this symposium must be mailed, but we note on their programme an address by Rev. L. R. Beebe of Chieng Rai, Laos; "The Best Things of the year," given in response to a roll-call of auxiliaries; and Mrs. Milligan will be there and give her address, "The King's Business."

Olympia Presbyterial Society held meetings in two different places. Wednesday evening and Thursday forenoon sessions were at Aberdeen. Luncheon, Thursday afternoon and evening sessions in Hoquiam First Church. Both evenings were popular meetings. Rev. Mr. Beebe gave an address the first, and Mrs. A. A. Fulton of China the second evening. "Twenty-five Years—Purpose, Progress, and Promise," by Mrs. D. O. Gormley (a charter member of the N. P. Board) was a *best* thing, and all unite in saying that one of the best was the "Open Parliament."

Seattle Presbyterial met in First Church, Seattle. *Best Things* were: fine attendance; a devotional service on "Woman's Work a World-Wide Service," conducted by Mrs. A. A. Fulton of Canton, China; address on "C. E. Denominational Loyalty," by Rev. M. A. Matthews, D.D., and the toasts, given while seated at the table after luncheon. Some of these were, "America;" "Our Younger Sisters of the Westminster Guilds;" "The Panama Canal," etc. Mrs. Goss, treasurer, was the Board member present.

Spokane Presbyterial met in Emmanuel Church, Spokane. The president writes: "It is hard to say what was *the* Best Thing of our meeting for we all think it was *all* the best. The attendance, and offering were the best we have ever had." On their programme was an "Informal Conference" of auxiliary presidents talking of "The Best Thing of each society."

In *Walla Walla Presbytery*. "Such earnest delegates met in a beautiful new church in Walla Walla! The president called the meeting to order, using a new gavel made from an apple tree, the seed of which was sown by missionary Spalding in 1836. She referred to his early efforts and the garnering of the harvest now in progress. There in front sat five Christian Indian women, and one could never forget the deep impression made." A talk on "Importance of missionary training for children," given by a young lady, was pronounced the *star event*. The paper upon "The King's Business" and the "Closing Words" of the president were *two bests*. Mrs. J. W. Goss (our little treasure of a treasurer) was the Board member in attendance and made two notable addresses.

Wenatchee Presbyterial Society held its annual meeting at the most distant place in its territory, Waterville, a little town in the mining district of N. Central Washington. The president had to go fifty miles to reach it, and our Board representative, Mrs. E. P. Geary, made a round trip of one thousand miles. All the delegates had to come such long distances that to number twenty-five of them was a large attendance. One of the best things was to find that the minister and his wife have helped the little church which entertained to a warm interest in missions. "Gold Nuggets," from the N. Pacific Board, by Mrs. Geary, was much appreciated and they called her the best gold nugget of all! The best spirit of interest and harmony was manifest.

(*Mrs. J. S.*) *M. Louise Bradley.*

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 South Wabash Avenue, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

OUR Annual Meeting, or what was formerly known by that name, has been merged into what is in reality now a Biennial. In the interim, the year when no large popular meeting is called, the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct all necessary business, fill vacancies in our Board of Officers, and elect or re-elect all officers.

This being the year between those meetings, an extra session of Executive Committee was called on Thursday, April 16th, at 509 S. Wabash Ave. Reports of the work of the Home and Foreign secretaries, the office secretary and the synodical secretaries were presented. Even those of us who are in the "daily combat" are surprised at the amount of work accomplished when we come to hear a final summing up. The report of the treasurer was most gratifying, and we feel that the results of our work show a good advance. The following is a résumé of the treasurer's report:

Total receipts from Presbyterial Treasurers		$141,154.43
Total receipts from Special Gifts		13,640.00
Total receipts from Bequests		11,225.35
Sale of 55 shares Commonwealth Edison Stock		7,596.87
Sale of Rights Commonwealth Edison Stock		137.50
Total		$173,754.15
For China Propaganda		40,177.43
Extra for China—Shantung	$5,000	5,521.00
	500	
	21	
	$5,521	
Grand Total		$219,446.58

The amount raised for China in the previous year was $16,115.79, or a total for the two years of $56,287.22, not including some special gifts for China. It leaves us nearly $20,000.00 to raise for China in the coming year.

A PRESBYTERIAL treasurer wrote: "I was sorry that Mrs. Engstrom's tour should be made at this time, when all around us the Wet and Dry Campaign was, and *is* uppermost in the minds of us all, and so many evenings and afternoons have to be given to that work, but her message was *so* forceful, uplifting, encouraging and helpful that all who heard her speak her praises. It has been so long since we had a field secretary with us that many have not realized her worth and power to help. Her information to us on many subjects will do more toward strengthening our work than the helps from printed matter, since so few will take the time to read as they should. So I consider her a greater blessing than the amount of money I have sent might seem to indicate."

THE Summer School of Missions of Boulder, Col., will be held at Boulder, July 7–14. The first announcement is now ready for distribution. These leaflets and any further information desired may be obtained from the Chairman of Publicity, *Mrs. D. B. Wilson*, 1400 Detroit St., Denver, Col.

THE MINNESOTA Summer School of Missions announces in a *Foreword* just issued the studies and leaders for 1914 as follows: *The Child in the Midst. Our World Family*, Mrs. D. B. Wells of Chicago, *In Red Man's Land, Goodbird, the Indian*, Mrs. H. L. Hill, New York. *Bible Study*, Mrs. John Ferguson, Monmouth, Ill. The School will be held in Merriam Park, Minn., June 17–23. The extension work for the year has embraced an Institute at Owatonna and a largely attended School of Methods in Minneapolis.

LEAFLETS: *Chinese Girls as Witnesses from a Far Country; Asiatics in the United States; The Missionary and Work for Women*, each 2 cts.; *Shanti* (India), 3 cts.

From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

OUR Board most heartily concurs in the following minutes of the Assembly's Board: "The Board accepts with regret the resignation of Miss Jean Mackenzie of the West Africa Mission. In accepting her resignation the Board would record its appreciation of the efficient and self-denying labors of Miss Mackenzie during the ten years she has been in the service of the Board. Both on the field and during her furloughs she did valiant service for the extension of the Kingdom. She quickly acquired a knowledge of the language, won the affections of the native people and the missionaries as well, easily adapted herself to the rather strenuous condition in the West Africa Field and both by voice and pen, both at home and abroad, gave full proof of her efficiency as a true missionary of the Cross. The Board can only wish that in the homeland she may find a wide and ever increasing sphere of usefulness."

IT is interesting to hear from our new station at Changsha, China, that some wealthy heathen women of high rank have been formed into a Society for Social Service, and some of them are already beginning to realize that Christianity is the only basis for Social Service.

FROM India to Syria and thence to Siam is the route we took in imagination at the monthly meeting. In India there is now an effort from within to reform evils, which proves that the leaven of Christianity is working there. Dr. Henry Forman made the point that a life of kindness and service is the supreme requisite acceptable to God. Secular work, so called, is its own justification in the mission field. Rev. Geo. C. Doolittle referred to Jezebel, daughter of Sidon, as representing the powers we have to fight in Syria. The early missionaries found a great lack which is now being filled by churches, hospitals, schools and Bibles. The schools are Biblical schools and the scholars know more Scripture and hymns than most children in our Sunday-schools. Dr. Cort told of the epidemic of malignant malaria among the people of Laos, which they attributed to the power of evil spirits. The ministers joined the doctors in going about treating the disease and saving many lives.

LEAFLETS FOR THE MONTH: *Asiatics in the United States, Chinese Girls as Witnesses*, each 2 cts.

NEW LEAFLETS: *Things Siamese; Growing Importance of Foreign Missions; The Story of Little Ming*, each 2 cts. *Presbyterian Medical Missions*, 15 cts.

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From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Public meeting first Monday of every month at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive meeting every third Monday. Prayer service first and third Monday at from 12 till 12.30.

OUR Annual Meeting was close at hand, yet on our "first Monday" the usual public meeting took place. Many letters from missionaries were read; a talk from Rev. Mr. Miller of the China Inland Mission was listened to with interest; the little girls of the mission sang and gave recitations as

usual; a duet sung by older girls, "The Man of Calvary," was very impressive.

MRS. MCAFEE read a letter from Helen E. Smith of Soochow, China. She says: "I wish you all knew how glad I am to be an ambassador of the Occidental Board. As you know, the Glendale Church expects to pay my salary, and I am so glad to be supported by a single church." She adds: "There is a lack of Biblewomen in the Soochow station. The funds are available, if suitable women could be found."

MRS. MARCH of College Hill, Hangchow, China, speaks of six college boys going for student vacation preaching in missionary country villages; also of their valuable cook, who was competent to take some college work with Mr. March. He took poison accidentally and was very ill, giving them great anxiety.

DR. MAUD MACKEY of Kucheng, China, one of the early missionaries of the Occidental Board, writes during Chinese New Year. She hopes each year that this festivity may not take place according to the old calendar. Yet she adds, that in small cities and in the country the Chinese cling to their old customs and insist upon their family reunions at that time. We can understand how the country people will not readily welcome the Republic.

DR. MACKEY tells of a mother-in-law who was cruel to the son's wife; and when she was very ill she hoped that she would die, and to further this wish she bought a coffin and had everything ready for her funeral. She recovered and both became Christians at the hospital.

MISS SUDERMANN in Africa made a three days' trip over hills, and then some more hills, quite an undertaking to get to a dentist, or even to spend Christmas. "But," she says, "I enjoy the 'bush' traveling. It is mostly walking, as the path goes through the forest, over many stones, roots, rivers and many and very steep hills. I go alone, except for my three black boys, who carry my necessary things, my cot, food and wheel. This trip is about fifty-eight miles and I made it in three days."

REV. AND MRS. WELBON of An Dong, Korea, have been afflicted by a scourge of diphtheria which came to the family. All suffered severely and one little daughter died suddenly. The sympathy of their friends and prayers for full recovery of other members of the family will be offered.

RECEIPTS TO APRIL 15, 1914

By totals from Presbyterial Societies

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

ATHENS,	$38.95	FRENCH BROAD,	$14.00	SOUTHERN VIRGINIA,	$5.00	YADKIN,	$2.00
BALTIMORE,	1,000.00	GADSDEN,	5.00	STEUBENVILLE,	5.63	Mississippi Synodical	
BEAVER,	57.50	HODGE,	1.00	WEST JERSEY,	1.00	Society,	7.00
BELL,	17.10	HUNTINGDON,	4.00	WESTMINSTER,	35.35	Miscellaneous,	1,841.57
BLAIRSVILLE,	100.00	HURON,	7.00				
BUTLER,	13.00	KNOX,	1.00				
CAPE FEAR,	2.00	MCCLELLAND,	5.00				
CHATTANOOGA,	136.30	MAHONING,	21.00				
CHESTER,	5.00	NEW HOPE,	28.70				
ERIE,	5.00	PHILADELPHIA,	50.00				
FLORIDA,	8.50	ROGERSVILLE,	4.00				

Receipts March 15th to April 15th,
Regular $780.99
New China Fund 2,640.61 $3,421.60
Special Gifts to Missionaries 56.25

(MISS) SARAH W. CATTELL, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ADAMS,	$28.99	DULUTH,	$26.63	NEBRASKA CITY,	$6.75	RED RIVER,	$10.00
ALTON,	32.00	FREEPORT,	86.75	OAKES,	2.50	ST. CLOUD,	11.15
BLOOMINGTON,	318.56	GEORGE,	5.00	OMAHA,	5.00	SHERIDAN,	2.45
BOULDER,	21.00	GUNNISON,	15.00	OTTAWA,	15.00	SPRINGFIELD,	107.00
CAIRO,	2.00	HASTINGS,	128.50	PETOSKEY,	41.00	Miscellaneous,	1,118.79
CENTRAL DAKOTA,	5.00	IOWA CITY,	41.00	PUEBLO,	513.85		
CHICAGO,	3,386.19	MADISON,	10.00				
CORNING,	52.41	MATTOON,	91.90				
DENVER,	5.00	MILWAUKEE,	5.00				
DETROIT,	703.45	MOUSE RIVER,	3.00				

Total for month (including China Fund, $895.75) $6,800.87

(MRS.) THOS. E. D. BRADLEY, *Treas.*,
Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

BROOKLYN,	$71 00	NEWBURYPORT,	$15.00	WESTCHESTER,	$65.23	Miscellaneous,	$632.45
BUFFALO,	20.00	NEW YORK,	100.00	Interest,	350.00		
CONNECTICUT VALLEY,	150.00	NIAGARA,	25.00				
HUDSON,	10.75	OTSEGO,	61.00				
JERSEY CITY,	120.00	PROVIDENCE,	6.50				
LONG ISLAND,	4.00	ROCHESTER,	3.00				
NASSAU,	6.00	STEUBEN,	55.00				

Receipts from March 16th to April 15th,
Regular, $1,611.98
New China Fund, 82.95 $1,694.93

(MISS) HENRIETTA W. HUBBARD, *Treas.*,
Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

ABILENE,	$20.58	JEFFERSON,	$33.83	TULSA,	$3.00	Miscellaneous,	$30.74
ARDMORE,	5.00	LITTLE ROCK,	13.35				
CARTHAGE,	5.00	MCALESTER,	44.15				
EL PASO,	4.70	OKLAHOMA,	7.90				
GALENA,	6.00	SALT RIVER,	5.00				
HOUSTON,	5.00	ST. JOSEPH,	5.00				

Total for month, $189.25
China Fund for April, 18.07

MRS. WM. BURG, *Treasurer.*

The Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions

BENICIA,	$273.40	SALT LAKE,	$247.00				
LOS ANGELES,	6,693.55	SAN JOAQUIN,	664.05				
NEVADA,	33.10	SAN JOSE,	328.75				
OAKLAND,	963.05	SANTA BARBARA,	328.50				
OGDEN,	50.50	NO. ARIZONA,	7.00				
PHOENIX,	276.05	SO. ARIZONA,	5.00				
RIVERSIDE,	397.05	SO. UTAH,	57.45				
SACRAMENTO,	429.96	Miscellaneous,	50.00				
SAN FRANCISCO,	1,180.00						

Receipts for three months,
Regular, $9,114.01
New China Fund, 2,870.40 $11,984.41
Receipts since March 15th, 1913,
Regular, $25,744.17
New China Fund, 3,548.95 $29,393.12
Special Gifts to Missionaries, $105.00

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